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Chalkliners Spring Production 'Generation' Now In Rehearsal



Pictured above are: Jack Stelmach, Ronnie Rheaume, Shelley Van Heusen, and Roger Talbot in rehearsal for Chalkliners' spring production "Generation."

On May 8, 9 and 15, 16 Agawam's Theater Group, The Chalkliners, will again go on stage at the Country Barn Playhouse, rear of 1822 Main St., Agawam. William Goodhart's "Generation" played on Broadway for two years with Henry Fonda in the lead. "Our cast is well known in this area also,"

said Mrs. Charles Deliso, director. "We have Roger Talbot and Ronnie Rheaume, last spring's hit combination, in the male leads and Shelley Van Heusen in the female lead. Others in the cast are Bob Hertz, Carson Orellana, and Jack Stelmach.

The play is a very funny comedy about the generation gap and is bound to amuse everyone. The lines are quick and the play is fast moving. We have everything going for us," continues Mrs. Deliso. "Even our new luxury seats."

St. John's Guild Banquet, Installation Set For May 12

A musical program will be presented at the annual installation dinner of St. John the Evangelist Guild at Storowton Tavern, Tuesday evening, May 12th, at 6:30. Fred Desparlais will accompany the soloists, Donna and Linda Campbell, Pat Leary and Kathleen Carney. All four girls sang in the recent parish show.

The Guild choral group will also present several musical numbers; participating will be, Miss Joan O'Brien, Mrs. Robert Griffin, Mrs. Robert Carney, Mrs. Olive Crouch, Mrs. Mary Tucci, Mrs. Norman Couture, Mrs. Jean Lindblad, Mrs. Pat Bitsacos and Mrs. Marilyn Talbot.

Rev. Walter J. Joyce, pastor of St. John's is serving as hon-

orary chairman of arrangements with Rev. Albert Blanchard to be an honored guest. Mrs. Clifford Lothrop and Mrs. Richard Tufts are dinner co-chairmen. Door prizes are in charge of Mrs. Thomas Danford and attendance awards will be presented by Mrs. Alfred Trehey.

Officers to be installed for the coming year are: Mrs. George Schwein, president; Mrs. Jeanne Parrow, vice - president; Mrs. Richard Jagodowski, secretary and Mrs. Ernest McLean, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. Anna LaPlante, Mrs. Bernard Paine, Mrs. Olive Crouch and Mrs. Mary Tucci.

Perfect attendance for the cur-

Town Meeting Rezoning Challenged

Local citizens of Agawam, Mrs. Donald Dow and Quinto A. Cima, jointly present the following material for consideration by the townspeople of Agawam.

The main asset that the people of Agawam have left is their open land. At the present time a vote is pending to rezone some of our prime land for the construction of apartments. The land in question violates even the most fundamental principles of zoning. If this ninety acres is rezoned, the developer, whoever he may be at the time, could construct 720 apartment units. The rezoning of this property would also make available an additional 600 acres which could also develop a total

of 5500 apartments. Can you visualize this?

Our town consultant stated that by the time we are in a position to sewer the rezoned land it would cost the taxpayers approximately \$600,000. Would this delay, sewers needed in your part of town?

You must be made aware that the petitioner did not attend a single precinct meeting! Did your representatives approve this issue without knowing the facts?

What impact would high density rezoning of the property have on our presently overcrowded school system? You and I will have to live with the effects brought about by adverse zone changes.

Buy Dog Tags Now

KEEP DOG ON LEASH

Douglas Jenks, Dog Officer, stated today that dog tags are now on sale and must be purchased prior to June 10. All dogs must have their rabies shots prior to receiving licenses.

Jenks asked for the residents of the town to keep their dogs on leashes and if this is not done, the owners will be subject to court summons. Dog owners are also reminded that they are responsible for any damage their dogs do.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

MACARONI SUPPER

Servings 4:30 - 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

At Jr. High School

Junior Women's

Club Fine Arts

Festival May 2

The Agawam Junior Women's Club Fine Arts Festival will be held for the sixth consecutive year, Saturday, May 2nd, from 1-7 p.m., in the historical setting of The Captain Charles Leonard House, Agawam.

Professional and amateur area artists are invited to display their work. All medias will be accepted for the juried exhibition. Photographs will be accepted, but must be framed. Ribbons will be awarded in all medias for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Juror for the exhibition will be Arthur Moses, Instructor of Sculpture at Our Lady of the Elms College, and a teacher in

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Catholic Charities

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities annual appeal from May 10th, thru 18th, at Sacred Heart Church Parish, Feeding Hills, could use more workers.

Please volunteer and call anyone of the following committee members: Father James Shea, active Parish Director, 786-3445; James Maybury, Parish Lay Director, 786-0176; Martha Dragghetti, 734-2572; Benjamin Botelho, 739-3722; Ronald Hamel, 786-4062; Rose Mercadante, 786-4054; Elsie Harochevsky, 734-0237; John O'Toole, 736-5704 and Edgar Parisien 786-1097.

Political Advertisement

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Agawam's Day Of Decision!

Agawam is growing. Let's maintain a balanced community. Don't be fooled by distorted talks of tax reductions. Don't be fooled by false claims or threats of low cost housing. Exercise your right to be heard on Tuesday, May 5th. Polling hours 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Vote NO

IRENE PIKE
South St., Agawam

RAYMOND E. CHAREST
97 Silver St., Agawam

Agawam Citizens Misinformed

By BILL CHIBA

Town Meeting Member

Disgruntled citizens of Agawam have been flooding the town with letters that are not signed but do carry the misnomer "Other Citizens". The group is hoping to infuriate the citizenship to a pitch that they will march down to the polling places and vote to override the Town Meeting members vote that allowed the rezoning of the Bonomi property.

The letter implies that the town meeting members did not know what they were voting for and did not have the facts concerning the zone change. This is not true! Every town meeting member that I contacted had received through the mail well in advance of the precinct meetings, a beautiful brochure explaining in complete detail the proposals of the contractor and the commitments he had made LEGALLY with the selectmen.

The Town Meeting members had previously voted to spend 3 million dollars for a sewer complex that will handle the entire town including the Feeding Hills area that is the last frontier so

to speak in the town of Agawam. This master sewer plan will handle area including proposed construction of the luxury apartments on Suffield Street. However, Mr. Stanley agreed to enter into a legal agreement with the Board of Selectmen that gives the town control of the rate of building the apartment complex. In short, if the construction of the

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K of C Lasagna

Supper Wednesday

Mr. Stephen A. Olivo, co-ordinator, announces that final plans have been completed for the Baked Lasagna Supper to be held at the Agawam Junior High School on Wednesday, May 6th, sponsored by the Agawam Knights of Columbus. Servings will be continuous from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

The menu will consist of baked lasagna, tossed green Italian salad, Italian bread, cake, coffee or milk.

A special feature of the supper

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Boy Scouts 'Big Show' At Better Living Center May 2nd

The Big Show, formerly known as the Cavalcade of Scouting, will be held on Saturday, May 2, in the Better Living Center at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds. The announcement was made by Walter T. Merkel, council commissioner and general chairman for the event.

More than 80 Scout units have already reserved spaces for participation in the show. Exhibits will range from massive pioneering construction to Cub Scout activities in dens in a mammoth demonstration to the public of Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Exploring skills.

Featured on the program will be the construction of a 50 foot suspension bridge by Troop 359 of Wilbraham and a space derby involving rockets. The ever popular monkey bridge will be a feature of Troop 179 of East Longmeadow. Post 438 of Chicopee will once again feature horsemanship with horses and other animals featured as an activity.

The show once again will feature articles made by the boys for sale with a demonstration of the articles being made in the booths. Silk screen printing will

be featured by Troop 424 of Wilbraham with Indian Lore being prominently displayed by Troop 81 of West Springfield.

Other features will be canoeing, survival, small boat sailing and many others. More than 100 units will participate in the show which will start at 10 a.m. with continuous operation until 8 p.m.

PTA Council Supports Safety Patrol Trip

The South School Parent-Teacher Association voted as a project to support one youngster of the "School Safety Patrol" for the American Automobile Association's three day trip to Washington, D.C. on May 7th-9th. The Agawam Council PTA also gave support to the Patrol.

The Council at the Massachusetts Congress PTA Convention last fall received a \$100 grant from the Sears Roebuck Foundation a first place state award in the Foundations "Citizenship in Action" program. This was merited on the Council's Safety Program. This grant is now being used to bring recognition to good citizenship and lifesaving work of the School Safety Patrol.

The trip to Washington D.C., is organized each year by the A.A.A. and is represented by 15 cities and towns — a group of 250 boys and girls in Western Massachusetts. This year for the first time Agawam will be represented in this group with 40 boys and girls.

Golden Age Card Party Monday

The Agawam Golden Age Club will hold a card party every Monday afternoon at 1 in the Capt. Charles Leonard House, Main St., Agawam.

Mrs. Kay Caroleo, chairman, of the party will be hostess to welcome you.

There are table prizes and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Ronald G. Oakland, Minister
Mrs. Richard Fearn, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes, Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Jr. Youth Choir Director
Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Service of worship. Nursery for infants. Church School through Senior High; 10:30 — Coffee hour in Fellowship Hall; 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Youth Fellowship.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Sunday — 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship — Rev. Lockhart will preach at worship service... Senior Choir sing and Communion will be served; 10:30 a.m., Church School; and 6 p.m., Junior High and Senior BYFs meet at church.

Monday — 8 p.m., Amicitia Circle met at home of Mrs. David Theodorowicz, Silver Lake Drive.
Tuesday — 6:30 p.m., Melody Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday — 6:30 p.m., Annual meeting of the church will be held; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. Andrew Toussaint, Minister of Music
Mrs. Lewis Moors, Church Secretary

Friday — 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Rumage Sale sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society; 7 p.m., Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Saturday — 9:30 a.m., Youth Choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m., Church School, 5th thru 12th Grade; 10:30 a.m., Church School, Nursery thru 4th Grade and Church at

Morning Worship — Service of Holy Communion; 6 p.m., Junior United Youth Group; 7 p.m., Senior United Youth Group;
Monday — 7:30 p.m., Church Committee night;
Wednesday — 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Robert F. Berkey, Interim Minister
Randall L. Nofall, Organist
Cynthia A. Meier, Choir Director
Sunday—10 a.m. Church School kindergarten thru grade nine and Worship Service.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Luse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. Confessions and 6 p.m. evening Mass; 7:30 to 8:30 Confessions.
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.
Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar
Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Festival Service; 7 p.m. Evening prayer.
Tag sale, Saturday, May 2, at St. David's Church, Springfield St., Feeding Hills, Agawam. Open 10 a.m. free refreshments.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.
Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. Confessions.
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday — 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Sunday—7—8:30—10:30 a.m.
Week days—7 a.m.
Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30

and 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
Saturday—9 a.m. CCD classes Grades 1 thru 6 at the Junior High School; 4 to 5 p.m. Confessions; 5 p.m. Mass. and 7:30 p.m. Mass-Confessions will follow.

MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.
Monday—7 p.m. CCD classes for Grades 7-12.
Tuesday—5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE
Daily Mass—7 a.m.
Saturday — 5 p.m. Evening Mass, Confessions to follow. Also at 7:30 p.m. Confessions.
Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills
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Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr, Church Secretary
Sunday — 10 a.m., Morning Worship with Holy Communion — Sermon: "How Old Are You" and Sunday School Classes; 6 p.m. — The Hilltoppers.
Monday — Monthly meeting of the Men's Club and the Friendly Circle.
Thursday — 7:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearse at church.

WEST SPRINGFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Storowton Village
West Springfield, Mass.
Dwight Mourer, Minister
Sunday—9 a.m. Bible classes for all ages; 10 a.m. Morning Worship service; 6 p.m. Evening Worship.
Thursday—7 p.m. Bible Study —visitors are welcome.

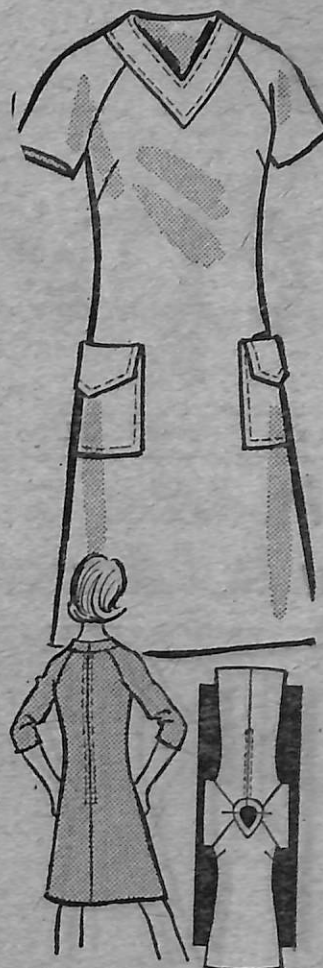
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Larry Thornton, Pastor
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Republicans Meet At Leonard House

Mr. Leon Dary, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Republican Committee, will be the guest speaker of the Republican Town Committee on May 5th at the Captain Leonard House.

With the use of television and extensive newspaper coverage for the local campaigns as well as on the state level, Mr. Dary's topic of Election Law is most timely. He is well acquainted with regulations which apply to local and state campaigning. At the Committee's request, he will discuss such subjects as press releases, polling methods, ballot irregularities, recount procedures, and referendum law.

Since May 5th is also the day the citizens of Agawam will be given the opportunity to vote directly on an item from the Town Meeting Agenda under a little used law, the Republican Town Committee urges all Agawam citizens take the time to inform themselves of the issue and VOTE.

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Agawam Citizens . . .

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complex at any time (so determined by the Town Engineer) threatens to over capacity the sewer lines on South Street or Adams St., the contractor will cease work and will not resume til given the OK by the town Engineer.

This type of apartment complex will cost the builder around 10 million dollars when it is completed. Mr. Dumond, town assessor, quoted figures to the Town Meeting members amounting to \$350,000 in tax revenue to the town at the estimated 35 per thousand rate arrived at during the town meeting.

This type of apartment complex is self sustaining. The owners will take care of all the services that are now given to the home owner in Agawam. Garbage collection, rubbish collection and snow plowing are the responsibility of the owners. The town is not involved.

I am a town meeting member! I pay taxes in the town of Agawam! I realize the responsibility the home owner has concerning our youth and furnishing the best in education. So, after thoroughly examining all the facts concerning the proposed rezoning that would allow Mr. Stanley and Gastown to construct the complex. I came to the conclusion that the tax payers of Agawam needed this revenue (\$350,000) per year to help off-set the expenditures we are faced with in supplying new school facilities to our growing population. I cannot agree with the charges that these apartments will be filled to the brim with school children and our school system will be over taxed. Rentals will be in the \$200 to \$300 per month category and I cannot visualize families with two or more children flocking to rent these high priced apartments.

The people that are against the rezoning are those that reside in the general area. We know that when industry is planned, and this is industry, people in the area are always against the proposal. It has to be built somewhere. Under A3 zoning the requirements are very strict and acreage is needed to construct the complex. So complex construction has to be considered on open land. This area of Agawam is well suited for this type of construction.

This is not an adverse zone change. I believe that your town meeting members voted intelligently and with the tax payer foremost in their minds when they voted yes for the zone change.

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Now We Understand

It seems fitting that we offer herein some opinions and the legal aspects of the two referenda relating to articles 68A and 85, as they appeared in this year's annual warrant.

The referendum as such is not an unusual procedure in governmental procedures whether on a local, state or federal level. It has a just place in each level of legislation. Initiative in legislation can be proposed by petition or by submission by a member of the legislative body. In our Town government, the proposed legislation appears in the form of an article on the Town Meeting Warrant. Some of these articles require a simple majority of the voters present, voting in the affirmative to assure passage. Others require a two-thirds vote and in a few cases, a four-fifths affirmative vote is required. The two articles in question needed a two-thirds approval. This majority they earned and as far as the Town meeting was concerned, the articles were enacted legislation.

Initiative had now run its full course. However such legislation does not immediately become law. Our representative form of Town Government does not allow this legislation to become operative until the expiration of seven days after the dissolution of the town meeting. The seven day period shall include Sundays and Holidays. For reaffirmation of this statement, you may refer to Agawam Town Meeting Member "Nomination Papers" or to Chapter 632 Acts of 1955 of the Laws of Massachusetts.

During the seven day waiting period, those who may be aggrieved, or other, by the actions of their representative voters, may file a petition for referendum. It is their prerogative to ask for rejection of the Town Meeting action. Again may I refer to Chapter 632, Acts of 1955, quote: "If, within said seven days, a petition signed by not less than five percent of the registered voters of the Town, containing their names together with their Street addresses, is filed with the Selectmen, asking that the question or questions involved in such vote, be submitted to the voters of the Town at large, then the Selectmen within ten days of the filing of such petition, shall call a special meeting which shall be held within fifteen days after notice of the call, for the sole purpose of presenting to the voters at large, the question or questions involved." Further, twenty percent of the registered voters shall so vote and the questions so submitted shall be determined by vote of the same proportion of voters at large, voting thereon as would be required by Law of the Town Meeting Members. In these two articles a two-thirds vote for approval is necessary.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

April 24, 1970
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 148 of the General Laws, that the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at the Selectmen's Office, Administration Building, 36 Main St., Agawam, May 11, 1970 at 7:30 P.M., on the application of Edward J. Austin & Eugene A. Barnes for a license to keep, store, use and sell petroleum products in underground tanks in quantities not exceeding 10,000 gallons; present application for additional 8,900 gallons, as there is presently a permit for 1100 gallons, at 195 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, Mass.
GEORGE L. REYNOLDS
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
JOSEPH DELLA-GIUSTINA
Board of Selectmen
(April 30)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPTEN ss PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of EDWARD A. PETTIS late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.
A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by WINIFRED S. PETTIS of said Agawam, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of May 1970 the return day of this citation.
Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of April 1970.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register,
(Apr. 23-29, May 7)

The important question at hand, is when does the seven day period begin and when does it end. The Town Meeting was dissolved Saturday, April 4. Since Sundays count in the calculations, the terminal end date would be April 11 at 5 p.m. Any petitions received after that date would not be valid. If the seventh day had fallen on a Sunday or a holiday, then petitions would have been honored on the following day. Such was not the case.

In as much as all petitions against the Bonomi tract zone change were handed to the Selectmen on April 10th before 5 p.m., they were considered legal. Petitions against article 68A, the Junior High School construction article, were submitted on April 10th and April 13th. Since April 13th fell beyond the seven day period, petitions submitted on that date were rejected. The Board of Registrars advised that 484 names, the twenty percent quota, would be required. As of April 10, Article 85 was opposed by more than 1000 petitioners, Article 68A had 256 petitioners.

The Selectmen were herewith obligated to place Article 85 in referendum and to deny objectors to Article 68A, the same legal opportunity.

It might be of interest to the voter to read about some of the eccentricities involved in these petitions. I refer especially to those who signed the 68A petition. Names must be written exactly as they appear on the voting lists. You are allowed to sign only one time. One particular name appeared five times, several two or more times. In one case an elected Town Official had two signatures. We are certain that, it was not signed twice by the same person. You would not have to be a writing expert to understand this. One would have to believe that one of the signa-

tures was not authentic, but which one? You might deduce that neither one was, who is to know?

My congratulations to the Board of Registrars and the Town Clerk, Mr. Caba, for their extended efforts and to all the good citizens who seem somehow to be able to endure it all.

GEORGE L. REYNOLDS,
Selectman

K of C Lasagna . . .

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will be a home baked goods sale, with all donations by the wives of the K of C members.

The Baked Goods committee consists of: Mrs. Stephen A. Olivero, chairman; Mrs. Emile T. Grenier, and Mrs. Wyle E. Brame, co-chairmen; committee members Mrs. Bernard Brodeur, Mrs. John Gregnoli, Mrs. Marcel Ares, Mrs. Richard Niles, Mrs. Joseph Cardone, Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., Mrs. Rudy Altobelli, Mrs. Lionel Rolland, Mrs. Charles Cartello, Mrs. Emilio Sciartilli and Mrs. Gerald O'Keefe.

Tickets are available from any member of the President John F. Kennedy Council #5585, Knights of Columbus, Agawam, and at the door that night.

Grand Knight James O. Girard, chairman, Tim Nicoli, Emilio Sciartilli and all members of the K of C cordially invite you, your families, and your friends to attend the Italian dinner.

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by contacting Mrs. Leslie Melanson, 8 Seymour Ave., Agawam, chairman of the event, Mrs. George K. Rosner, posters and Mrs. Lawrence P. Moirano, publicity.

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Thursday, April 30, 1970

At Your Service

EUGENE H. LUND
Director of Veterans Services

More than 777,000 veterans, servicemen, wives, widows and children will receive increased educational allowances under a bill signed recently by the President.

All trainees under the G.I. Bill and other VA educational programs were assured by Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, that they will receive the increases automatically and retroactive to Feb. 1. He stressed that it is not necessary to contact the VA to receive them.

Johnson said most of those studying under the G.I. Bill in institutions of higher learning will receive one check about May 10, which will reflect the new regular monthly rate, and include retroactive increases from February through April.

Veterans studying below college level, including apprentice, on-the-job and cooperative trainees, must certify their attendance to the VA every month to be eligible for education allowance payments.

The VA Administrator said this group also will receive one check around May 10 at the new rates, including the retroactive increases, providing their attendance has been certified through April.

However, the VA official explained that some trainees below college level will receive pay adjustments in two checks, because the VA will not receive their monthly attendance certifications

in time to include the increase in the first check.

The VA chief added that veterans training under the vocational rehabilitation program will receive their increased educational allowances in early June.

Information on this group is not computerized and all processing will have to be done individually, requiring more time, he explained.

Again, he emphasized that there is no need to contact the VA to receive the checks.

He also noted that special arrangements are being made to pay those who were in training on Feb. 1, but who are no longer in training.

Administrator Johnson gave these details on the statute itself (PL 91-219):

It increases from \$130 to \$175 a month the rate for single G.I. Bill veterans studying in an institutional full-time program.

A veteran with one dependent will receive \$205 a month, two dependents \$230, and \$13 for each additional dependent. Rates are scaled downward for less than full-time students.

Single G.I. Bill students going three-quarter time will receive \$128 a month, \$152 with one dependent, \$177 with two dependents, and an additional \$10 a month for each additional dependent.

Half-time G.I. students will receive \$81 if they have no dependents, \$100 with one dependent, \$114 with two dependents and an

extra \$7 for each additional dependent.

The rate for a single veteran under the vocational rehabilitation program was increased from \$110 to \$135 a month for full-time students. A veteran with one dependent will receive \$181 a month, two dependents \$210, and \$6 more for each additional dependent. These rates are also scaled downward for less than full-time students.

For wives, widows and children receiving allowances under the dependents educational assistance program, the new monthly rates for full-time students are \$175, three-quarter time students, \$128, and half-time students \$81.

The new law also sets up special programs for servicemen with educational handicaps. One, the predischARGE education program, pays for schooling of educationally disadvantaged servicemen before discharge without charge to their earned basic entitlement.

In addition, the law provides for an intensification of VA's "outreach" program to contact and counsel veterans, widows, and children of certain disabled veterans about government education and training opportunities.

Administrator Johnson urged veterans interested in applying for education or training benefits to contact their nearest VA office now for a certificate of eligibility.

Waste Collections

FRIDAY, MAY 1
ROUTE 10

Autumn, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., South Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Warren, and Western Dr.

MONDAY, MAY 4
ROUTE 1

Audubon, Arnold, Broz Ter., Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, Maynard, McKinley, Norman Ter., Norman Ter. Ext., North, Oak Lane, Pleasant Dr., Ridgeway Dr., Robin Ln., Sherman Ave., Sylvan Ln., Taft, Walton Ln., Wilbert Ter., Wilson, and Woodland St.

TUESDAY, MAY 5
ROUTE 2

Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annabelle, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Coleman, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Giffin Pl., Greenock, Hastings, Hayes Ave., Henry, Highland, Horsham Pl., Kensington, Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norris, Norwood, Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Rhodes Ave., Sequoia Dr., Springfield, White, William and Witheridge St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
ROUTE 3

Barn Rd., Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Columbus, Cooley, Cottage, Country Rd., Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland Ave., Hillcrest Ave., Howard, Keating Ln., King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Morris, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect, Randall, River, Rowley, Royal Ln., Royal, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut St. Ext., and Winthrop St.

THURSDAY, MAY 7
ROUTE 4

Alexander Ave., Belmont Ave., Belvidere, Briar Hill Rd., Brookline, Carol Dr., Churchill Ave., Clover Hill Dr., Columbia Ave., Country View Cir., Daniel, Fordham Ave., Fox Farms Rd., Granger Dr., Harvard Ave., North St. Ext., No. Westfield, N. West, Northwood, New York Ave., Oriole Dr., Parkview Dr., Pleasant Valley Rd., Provin Mt. Dr., Richmond Ave., Ridgeview Dr., Robin Ridge Dr., Strawberry Hill Rd., Squire Ln., Roosevelt Ave., Thalia Dr., Vassar Dr. and Yale Ave.



May 4
to
May 8

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Tomato juice, frank-furt on roll, potato chips, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, butter cake w/white icing, milk.

Tuesday: Veal cutlet w/creole sauce, mashed potato, buttered spinach, bread/butter, raspberry-prune pie square, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, hamburger on roll, garden salad w/tomato and spinach greens, peanut butter sandwich, custard donut, milk.

Thursday: Meat ball grinder, cabbage/carrot salad, peanut butter sandwich, fruit, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna salad on water roll, carrot/celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, lemon filled cake w/chocolate icing, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, sloppy Joe on bun, jelly sandwich, cabbage/carrot salad, prune spice cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders (slice meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), potato chips, pickles, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on bun, buttered carrots, peanut butter sandwich, applesauce with cookie, milk.

Thursday: Juice, ham/cheese on roll, potato chips, candied sweet potatoes, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Juice, shell macaroni w/meat balls, tossed salad, bread/butter, pumpkin cake, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on roll, mustard, relish, mixed vegetables, orange cake, milk.

Tuesday: Sliced bologna on roll, peanut butter sandwich, sliced cheese, fresh fruit, carrot/peas, lemon squares, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni in tomato meat sauce, hot rolls, green beans, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, broccoli, bread/butter, fruited jello, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, potato salad, beet salad, bread/butter, apricots, cookie, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, broccoli, cookies, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, hamburger gravy, fluffy rice, whole kernel corn, Italian bread/butter, pumpkin cake, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, cheese finger, green beans, apricots, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on buttered roll, relish, catsup, onion rings, buttered carrots, cheese, fruit, milk.

Friday: Grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich, lettuce and tomato salad, cookies, peaches/prunes, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Baked macaroni with hamburger and tomatoes, buttered peas/carrots, peanut butter sandwich, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, beef pot pie w/potato topping, carrot/celery sticks, bread/butter, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Baked beans with frankfurt rings, Harvard beets, carrot sticks, buttered Vienna bread, French apple pie, milk.

Thursday: Pizza-burgers, buttered green beans, peanut butter honey sandwich, fruit cup, cookie, milk.

Friday: Oven fried fish sticks, cheese wedge, whipped potatoes, tomato corn casserole, bread/butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, frankfurt in buttered roll, relish, mustard, catsup, baked beans, peaches/prunes, molasses cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, ham/cheese grinder, lettuce w/mayonnaise, carrot sticks, butter cake w/chocolate frosting, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger in buttered bun, relish, onions, catsup, buttered carrots, potato chips, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Juice, meat ball grinders, green beans, fruit, milk.

Friday: Tuna salad sandwich, green salad w/spinach & tomato, apple crisp w/cheese stick, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered carrots, cheese sticks, cherry nut cake w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Oven baked chicken, candied sweet potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, fudgicles, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, buttered wax beans, bread/butter, apricots, milk.

Thursday: Hamburg gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish or peanut butter sandwich, tossed green salad, potato chips, dessert milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, creamed tomato soup, ground meat sandwich, celery sticks, cheese wedges, brownie, apple, milk.

Tuesday: Meat ball grinder w/spaghetti sauce, buttered mixed vegetables, peanut butter on rye, fresh pear, milk.

Wednesday: Hot open chicken sandwich w/gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, steamed franks on buttered roll, cheese sticks, buttered carrots, peach vanilla pudding w/topping, milk.

Friday: Baked meatless lasagna w/spaghetti sauce, cabbage/carrot salad, buttered Vienna bread, orange jello w/topping, milk.

Ladies Aid Society Annual Dinner May 7

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will serve their annual May Day dinner, baked shad and chicken pie on Thursday, the 7th, in the church parish hall. There will be two servings, 5 and 6:15 p.m.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. George Blood, 736-5530 and Mrs. George Andrews, 733-2926 until May 5th. Adults tickets are \$2.75 and \$99 for children.

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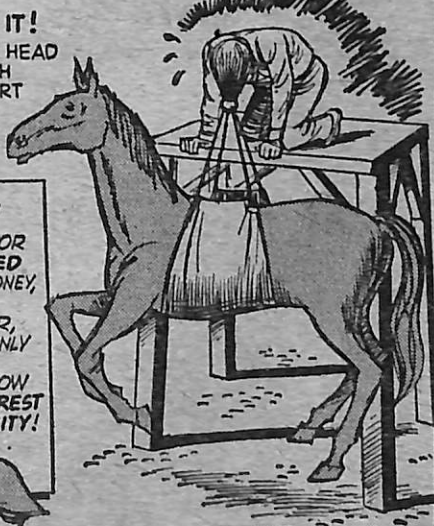
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Feeling the Food Price Squeeze? Try "Mini-Gardening"

A new trend is sweeping the country among modern homemakers. It's "mini-gardening"—the practice of raising a few home-grown vegetables in a wee amount of space.

Soaring food prices have apparently brought it on. And millions of homemakers who would rather "grow than pay" are turning to miniature gardens. Recent surveys show that more Americans than ever before are taking up gardening to fight inflation and high food prices.

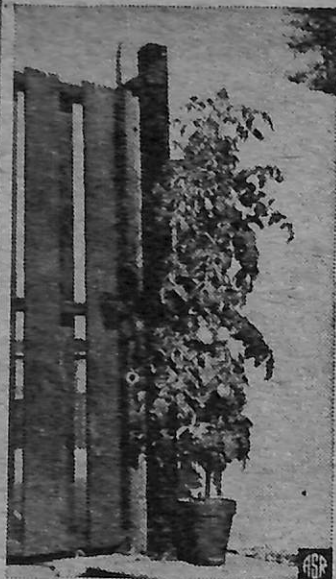
One study showed that the number of gardeners growing their own vegetables doubled between 1967 and 1969. And, with food prices continuing their climb, the trend is expected to catch on even more this spring and summer.

According to homeowners who gave "mini-gardening" a try last year, it doesn't take much space to save a lot on your food budget. If you have a windowsill, a balcony, a planter or a patio, you have enough space to grow a few modern-day vegetables.

You can grow up instead of out with today's vegetable plants because many of them are bred to be more "vertical" in stature. This accounts for the compact prolificacy of modern "mini-gardens". Even apartment dwellers, using window boxes or pots, are joining the fold and enjoying "fresh from the garden" vegetables.

"I never grew anything in my life," says one Illinois housewife. "But last year, when food prices kept climbing, I decided to try a packet or two of seed in a little bare spot next to the house. Not only did I save money, but it was a whole new experience for me and the children. Now I'm hooked—I'm going to grow twice as much this year."

Similar experiences are reported by other "mini-gardeners." While food prices and budget problems are the reasons they start growing



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their own vegetables, the satisfactions derived from their achievements eventually rate even higher.

As one Georgia homeowner put it, "In this population-crowded era, growing a few seeds offers one of the few easy returns to nature. I find gardening quickly rewarding and easy to grasp—you can get your hands into it!"



COLLEGE NEWS

WNEC

Six Agawam high school seniors have been accepted and will attend Western New England College in September of 1970.

The six and their WNEC majors are: Gene M. Kosinski of 227 North West St., History; Phil G. Saunders of 26 Norman Ter., Chemistry; Donald A. Smith of 143 Florida Dr., and Richard A. Soderman of 705 Mill St., both Electrical Engineering; Martin P. Tomaszewski of 136 Adams St., Management.

Western New England College is a college which effectively combines liberal and vocational education.

Miss Valerie Labun, a sophomore at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, has received the faculty citation for scholarly distinction on the basis of her academic performance throughout the winter term of the current school year.

Miss Labun is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Labun, 82 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills.

Amherst, Mass. — The University of Massachusetts has announced its first semester honors list, which included the following local students: Jean H. O'Connell, 415 Springfield St., Mooneyan Field, 62 North Alhambra Cir., Susan S. Homer, 295 Regency

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Conway, 320 Cooper St., Robert Davis, Jr., 78 North St., Richard Deni, 107 Regency Park Dr., G. Frederick Scales, 80 Reed St., Sherry A. Sausville, 54 Charles St., Agawam, and Donna L. Ashton, 22 Briarcliff Dr., Mark G. Brown, 466 North West St. and Mrs. Sylvia M. DeChristopher, 412 North West St., Feeding Hills.

MADISON, N. J. — Karen F. Kimball of 43 Brookline Ave., Feeding Hills, in the College of Liberal Arts at Drew University, has been named to the Dean's List for the semester recently concluded. Requirements for the honor are an average of 3.10 (high B) or better based on not less than 12 hours of academic work with no failures or incompletes.

Democratic Women's Club Installation Banquet May 13

Mr. Jerry Mason will be master of ceremonies at the annual banquet and installation of officers of the Agawam Democratic Women's Club, on May 13, at the Ye Olde Coach Inn Main St. Agawam. A social hour will be held at 6 followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Senator Beryl M. Cohen, who resides in Brookline, with his wife and two children, Douglas 7 and Jill 5.

Senator Cohen is a graduate of Boston College in 1956 and Boston College Law School 1959. He served in the House of Representatives from 1960-'64, in State Senate 1964-'70 and presently is serving as Social Welfare committee chairman, State Administration vice chairman.

Town Clerk Mr. Edward Caba, will serve as installing officer. Officers to be installed are: Mrs. Bruno Zucco, president; Mrs. Marcel Bedard, vice-president; Mrs. William Keough, secretary; Mrs. Augusta Donatini, treasurer; directors, Mrs. Leo Vergnani, precinct 1; Mrs. Anthony DeMatteo, precinct 2; Mrs. Mary Drew, precinct 3; Mrs. Norman Couture, precinct 4; Mrs. John Teahan, precinct 5 and Mrs. Ronald Meunier, precinct 6.

For the second year the Club will present awards to eight members who have been active and served the Democratic Women's Club.

All reservations must be confirmed by May 3rd because of limited space. Ticket committee members are: Mrs. Zucco, Mrs. Vergnani, Mrs. Bedard, Mrs. Christopher and Mrs. Keough.

Award committee members are: Mrs. Ronald Meunier, Mrs. Vergnani and Mrs. Mary Drew; prize committee, Mrs. Donatini, Mrs. Teahan and Mrs. Nardi. Door prizes will be awarded.

Bambi Nursery Open House

The Bambi Nursery School Open House for parents will be Sunday between 12:30 and 3:30, to enable the parents to come to the school and see their children's projects and accomplishments on display.

Helping the children prepare for the occasion is Mrs. Nancy Molta, School Director, and Mrs. Agnes Lipski, her assistant.

Consumer Report

(This is another Consumer News column from Attorney General Robert H. Quinn to inform the citizens of Massachusetts about the laws that have been enacted to protect them as consumers.)

Each year just as homeowners are beginning to realize that winter and the passage of time have taken their toll on their houses, the siding salesman often appears. He comes bearing pamphlets, a sales pitch, a contract, and promises to make your house look as new as the first buds of spring.

Most of these salesmen are offering a necessary service. But a few come with offers and sales techniques that are designed more to sell siding at high prices than to remodel homes.

REFERRAL SELLING

One such technique is known as referral selling. The buyer is given the opportunity to have his home used as a model to show other prospective buyers how nice the siding looks when it is installed. For each sale made from the showing, the homeowner is promised a bonus, generally \$100. Through this method the homeowner can, according to the salesman, earn enough in bonuses to recover the entire cost of the siding job.

To many persons who want to remodel their homes the plan sounds good. They sign the contract, and the salesman is gone. Only then do they realize that the referral sales agreement was never included in the contract.

Under Massachusetts law, referral selling is illegal. The Consumer Protection Division has found that when this scheme is used, the siding sold is generally more expensive than siding sold by honest salesmen, and very few bonuses have ever been paid for the use of a "model home."

CONTRACT CANCELLATION

Not all sales tactics used by the siding salesman are illegal. Many homeowners faced with a persuasive salesman have found themselves buying siding they do not need or cannot afford.

Realizing their mistake, homeowners often feel the contract binds them to pay for a purchase they made in haste. But two laws in Massachusetts give consumers a three-day period of

grace during which, under certain circumstances, these contracts can be cancelled.

If a consumer purchases siding on credit, he must receive a notice, dated by the seller, advising him of his right to cancel the contract until midnight of the third business day after he receives his notice.

To cancel the contract, the buyer must notify the creditor by mail or telegram.

If the siding was purchased as a retail installment sale, another law allows the buyer to cancel the contract. The law states that if the contract was signed in the buyer's home, or any place other than the seller's place of business, and if the contract calls for four or more payments with an interest charge, the buyer is entitled to cancel the contract.

Again the cancellation must be in writing and sent by midnight of the third business day after the buyer receives his copy of the contract.

Consumers who have encountered salesmen engaged in referral selling or who have a complaint should contact the Consumer Protection Division of my office at the State House in Boston or at 235 Chestnut St. in Springfield.

St. John's . . .

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rent year will be recognized and mementos presented to those who accomplished it, they are: Mrs. Ernest McLean, Mrs. Thomas Danford, Mrs. Adwilda Corrievan, Mrs. Mary Demersky, Mrs. Grace Lathrop, Mrs. Anna Laplante, Mrs. John O'Brien, Miss Joan O'Brien, Mrs. Joseph Oliwa, Mrs. Jean Parrow, Mrs. George Schwein, Mrs. Richard Tufts, Mrs. Mary Tucci and Mrs. J. Clinton Wright, Jr.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

Those fishermen not fortunate enough to be out opening day should not be discouraged as there are many more fish to catch.

The Central, Western and Northeast districts will be stocking five days a week for at least the next three weeks.

It is not too late to buy a license and enjoy Massachusetts spring fishing at its best.

Saturday was a beautiful day and every fisherman in the north west section of the state was taking advantage of it. When Soapy Balboni, my dad and I arrived at Laurel Lake in Lee, it seemed that the total population

of the area was down at the lake fishing either from shore or in a boat. Many nice trout were seen on stringers as boat after boat passed us on the water. Farmer Brown and Harley Shastany had a nice string of seven beauties when they quit. Soapy was the only one in the boat to take fish. Amazing, he took them on the red moosehook wobbler. My dad and I did not have a strike all day.

Bill Colson, local police officer, and his two sons have been very successful. Both boys have taken their limits several times, and to make it more enjoyable and exciting for them, they have tied the flies that have taken the fish.

A record 98-pound, 12-ounce codfish took top honors in the codfish category of the 23rd annual R.J. Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest. Alphonse J. Bielevich of North Andover, Mass., boated the monster near the Isle of Shoals back on June 8th.

1970 Schaefer Contest

The 24th annual R. J. Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest, expected to draw more than 400 entrants, opened April 1. The nation's largest salt water club contest involves more than 50,000 anglers, weightmasters, boat captains.

For information of rules booklet and entry blank write: R.J.

"Y" Offers Adult Tennis Lessons

Mario Sakellis, director of the Agawam YMCA, announced today that there will be adult tennis classes starting on Tuesday, May 5th, and on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30. Two outdoor tennis courts are available on the property at 108 Perry Lane. These classes are open to both "Y" members and non-members.

Rudy Altobelli will be the instructor for the Tuesday classes and Bob Jaynes will be the instructor for the Thursday classes. Both instructors are well known tennis players in the Greater Springfield area. To register for these classes call the Agawam YMCA.

Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest, 485 Madison Ave., 7th Floor, New York, N.Y.

It's Later Than You Think

It's easy enough for you to make sure the water you drink is safe. Just get a big pot and some copper tubing and go ahead and distill it the way you did in high school chemistry.

It's harder for fish. The National Water Institute estimates that at least 100,000,000 fish have died over the last ten years in 2,800 reported kills caused by mine acids, pesticides, cyanide, herbicides, oil slicks, and raw sewage. And these dramatic kills do not include the millions of other fish whose unreported deaths have been caused by suffocation or pollution poisoning in rivers and lakes clogged with detergent slime and raw sewage.

Health authorities are concerned. They worry that the fish that are caught may not be fit to eat. Pesticides and other chemical residues in their flesh are not good for human beings either.

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Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation

By Jack Kunasek-Director Agawam P.P. & R. lists new programs and plans in the continuing expansion move of the Dept.

New tennis nets and lights are presently being installed at the Phelps and Shea's Field tennis courts for night tennis. Hours will be dusk until 10:30 p.m.

Sheas Field which is off Maynard St., will offer a new picnic area open to all Agawam people with tables and grills available. Presently under construction are two new softball diamonds and one new baseball field with new backstops. These should be ready soon. With the increasing number of teams in town all diamonds in town will have to be reserved for practice use to avoid confusion. Call the director to get the time that you want.

The North St., basketball area has been cleaned and a new surface will be put down along with a new fence to keep the ball from going into the street.

Borgatti Playground which is 9 acres has been all plowed and leveled. A new building, football, soccer and baseball field will soon be under construction.

Thus far there have been 10 teams signed in the 13-15 League and 10 teams signed in adult Slo-Pitch League. Play will begin shortly, but there still are openings if you wish to enter.

P.P.R. will operate 8 playgrounds starting July 7th, Granger, Peirce, Sheas, Danahy, Junior High, Phelps, Meadowbrook, and Borgatti. Hours will be 9 a.m.-12 p.m.-4 p.m. Many new pieces of equipment will be placed at each playground.

Weekly Band Concerts and movies will be run weekly for family groups in the evening hours, at different locations throughout the town. These programs will run for 8 weeks. Sheas Field will be open in the evening hours with games and equipment available for use.

The out door summer basketball league will be expanded this year to take in 14-16 and 17 and up, all games will be played un-

der lights at Borgatti's Field or North St. courts. Watch your local news for many more programs to be announced shortly. For further information contact the office which will be open Saturday mornings 9 a.m.-11 a.m. 732-8451.



JOIN TODAY

Mario Sakellis, Executive Director

Wednesday, May 6th, at 6:30 is Clean-Up evening at the 'Y'. Flyers have been sent to the Board of Directors and others for the Clean up Party.

The 'Y' will sponsor an "Up With People" musical program Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Carmino Biagini, Day Camp Director announced that all Camp Senior Counselors have been hired for the 1970 season.

Registrations for all camps are now open.

This years camping season starts on June 29th.

Tennis classes for adults will start at the Agawam YMCA on Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th. These classes are open to "Y" members and non-members. Registrations can be made by calling the Agawam YMCA office.

Near the end of a tense golf match, one contestant, very temperamental, was thrown off his game when his caddie developed a severe attack of hiccoughs. On the seventeenth hole he sliced his drive clean out of bounds and growled fiercely at the caddie, "That was on account of you and your blanketyblank hiccoughs."

"But I didn't hiccup then, sir," protested the caddie.

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The Battleship Massachusetts was rescued from being sold for scrap by the school children of the Commonwealth, who contributed over \$60,000 in nickels and dimes toward the cost of having the ship towed back to her home state.

Since that day in 1965, the Commonwealth has contributed over \$125,000 to construct permanent mooring cells for the ship at Battleship Cove, in the Taunton River. During the 5 years of Big Mamie's new life at Fall River, she has been host to over 1,000,000 visitors, who have come to see the living page of history which the ship represents.

As a non-profit memorial to

those valiant men of Massachusetts who gave their lives for their country in WW II, the battleship has been partially restored with the proceeds from admissions. Now, however, her below water hull is in jeopardy from the passage of time without adequate maintenance. In a vital effort to raise money for use in retaining hull integrity, the Memorial Committee needs to attract more visitors than the number who came aboard last year.

This effort is taking the form of the installation of a new sound system, called "By-Word", which will help to bring the ship alive at 48 different stations which will send recorded messages to wireless headsets worn by visitors. In addition, we are preparing historical syllabi for use in public schools.

Invitations are being sent to former band members along with guest tickets for their parents in hopes of a large turn-out. Band graduates are invited to the program whether or not they wish to play in the Alumni section. Instruments will be available for those who need them.

BAND TIME CONCERT MAY 8

Band Time Concert at Agawam High School, on Friday, May 8, will include Alumni Band members in a new program format. This year the Beginner and Elementary Bands will not participate in Band Time. (They will have a program of their own later in the month). All elementary band members are invited to the program as guests of the Senior High and Junior High Bands.

A special effort is being made to have any graduates of the Agawam High Band who are still in the area to be a part of the program by joining with present high school band members for the concluding section of the program.

Several band alumni reunions have been held in recent years however this will be the first time graduates have been included in a formal concert.

The Band Time program will include selections by the Junior High Band, the Senior Dance Band and the Senior High Band in addition to the Alumni section. The general public is invited and tickets will be available at the door. Starting time is 8 p.m.



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Pancakes For Peanut Butter Fans



As early as the 1930's America enjoyed the convenience of pancake mix. Today, with at least a dozen pancake mixes on the market, only the purist makes them from scratch. Even with a mix there are ways to make and serve pancakes to give them an individual touch. Offered here are suggestions for those who have a special fondness for peanut butter.

Peanut Butter Pancakes

- 1/4 cup Skippy creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- Pancake recipe, using 1 cup mix

Blend peanut butter and light corn syrup. Prepare pancakes as directed on package for 1 cup mix, adding peanut butter mixture with the shortening. Makes 8 to 10 (4-inch) pancakes.

Peanut Butter Pancake Syrup

- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup creamy or chunk style peanut butter
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water

Melt margarine in saucepan. Blend in peanut butter, then add corn syrup and water. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Serve hot or cold. Makes 1 1/4 cups syrup.

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Don't Miss The Circus May 7-10 At Coliseum

Richard C. Zoller, general chairman of the Melha Shrine Circus, ponders the question, "What happens to a child star in show biz after she grows up?" In the case of Hollywood youngsters the answers are quite varied. Among circus elephants it is easy. They stay with the circus.

Three of the performing elephants appearing in this year's Melha Shrine Circus, which opens at the Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield, for a limited four-day engagement, have been in the Circus since they were babies. As babies they appeared so

often on Ed Sullivan's show that they were called "The Ed Sullivan Elephants" and were truly stars in their own right.

They now weigh 9000 pounds each and chow time means 300 pounds of hay and many gallons of water daily. Mary, Margie and Sue are called "bulls" in the circus, although they are actually female elephants. All circus elephants are called "bulls".

The three pachyderms were captured in Burma, flown to the United States and trained by one of the world's top trainers who was at that time at the St. Louis Zoo. Each year they have learned a bit more and gotten just a bit more talented.

After all their years in show business the present routines are generally regarded as impossible for most elephants of any age — to the delight of children and circus fans of all ages.

Mary, Margie and Sue will be featured performers at the Melha Shrine Circus when it opens at the Coliseum on Thursday May 7th. Following the opening night performance there will be two shows daily, Friday at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and closing with a pair of matinees on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through any Shriner or may be secured at the Shrine Circus Box Office located at the Coliseum.

Sing-Out May 13 At Local YMCA

Agawam residents will have an opportunity to hear a very popular group of teen-agers perform for the first time in Agawam. The local chapter of the Up With People program is made up of teen-agers from, all the surrounding communities. The concert will be held at the Agawam High School on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

The two hour show will feature the Agawam Choral group and the Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Wuesthoff. Following intermission, the Sing-Out Springfield Group will perform. The program is in connection with the Agawam YMCA's membership drive which is now underway till May 22nd. Tickets for the concert are available at the "Y" office.

Sing-Out Springfield was formed in 1968 by 35 local young people after a performance at Springfield College by the National Sing-Out cast. The group's membership is now 150 High School and College students. The group is accompanied by a 17 piece band.

Nicholas Zucco is chairman of the program. Mr. Zucco is a member of the Board of Directors of the local YMCA.

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PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE

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The Agawam Promenaders will hold their last dance of the season at 8 p.m. this Friday, the 1st, in the auditorium of Robinson Park School on Begley St. Square dancers from other clubs are welcome.

Al Bessette will be calling the dances and refreshments will be served by Lorraine and Joe Gasperini.

At the close of the dance, the Nominating Committee consisting of: John and Marge Ferrero, Elmer and June Roosa, and Joe and Dinah Parmalee will present its recommendations for the slate of officers. The Club wishes to express its appreciation to those out-going officers who have worked so hard over the past year: Tino and Anita Davilli, Howard and Doris Greene and Joe and Lorraine Gasperini.

The Executive Committee is taking reservations for the Steak Roast which will be held Saturday, June 6th, at the Sacred Heart Pavilion. Volunteers for the committee will be welcomed.

Response to the questionnaire was almost 100% and the Executive Committee wishes to thank all for their cooperation. We look forward with confidence to a lot more years of good square dancing with the Agawam Promenaders.

See you Friday!

THE THING Is Coming In May

THE THING IS COMING!! On Saturday, May 2nd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., The Agawam Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a combination Tag Sale and Car Wash at the Agawam United Methodist Church across from the high school.

There will be something for everyone including pony rides, toys, games, snacks, etc., for the children and for adults household items, baked goods, jewelry, etc. Also the "Green Teen Room" will be featured.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

Our deepest sympathy to the James Hayes family on the passing of his sister Kathleen. A large delegation headed by Katherine Dickinson, president, attended the wake and funeral. We are sorry.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:
Plans are progressing for the May 23rd Installation of Officers at St. Anthony's Hall, Springfield St., Feeding Hills... Also for our Buddy Poppy Drive... This is most important and everyone should participate because ALL monies received will be for our RELIEF FUNDS which is used strictly for the veteran and his dependents, hospitalized veterans and the National Home. All arrangements have been made

to start on May 1st Friday. You will see members wearing arm bands who will be happy to accept YOUR donation for a poppy. If you miss a member, there will be containers in business places (delivered on April 28th) which will be left until MEMORIAL DAY (correction — Springfield paper which said Labor Day). All the merchants, store managers, selectmen and police have been most cooperative in allowing us to place these containers. On May 2, the members will be at Riverside Park.

On May 6, Agawam Auxiliary will serve refreshments to the Blind Class at Leeds. Baking will be Anna Bissonnette, Del Grazio and Katherine Dickinson.

Jaycees Bulletin

The Agawam Jaycees, at their last meeting, presented the "Jaycee of the Month" award to Paul Delskey, chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. A citation was received from the Agawam Selectmen commending the Jaycees for their organization of the contingency and the building of the two floats, one of which won a third place award.

The Jaycees have been meeting with the Parks and Recreation Director regarding a creative playground at Shea's field. Chairman Robert Ritchie stated that

the committee will consist of such items as concrete climbing blocks, tunnels, and slides.

Robert Poulos is spearheading a drive to collect 500 additional signatures on the Town charter change petition. This petition will put the question of whether or not the Town should create a Town charter change committee on the November ballot.

An upcoming project for the Jaycees will be a Hearing Clinic for the six elementary schools in Agawam. Buddy Baker will chair the project which is scheduled for fall. The project has been given the School Department's approval.

Any young man between the ages of 21 and 35 who would like to work on these and other similar projects should contact Charles Brantley at 736-2921.

WMECO Promotes John Mercadante

Western Mass. Electric Company has announced the promotion of John A. Mercadante of Agawam to senior sales specialist.

Mercadante, a graduate of Agawam High School, worked for DePalma Motor Sales and Bosch Machine and Tool, and served 18 months in Korea with the Army Medical Corps before joining WMECO's continuing property records department in 1955. He transferred to sales in 1957, becoming residential sales representative two years later, and senior sales representative in 1962.

Past president of the Agawam Lions Club, Mercadante is a member of the Greater Springfield Home Builders Association, the Springfield Apartment Owners Association, and the Springfield Board of Realtors. He is married to the former Mary Barcomb of West Springfield. They have two boys.

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AGAWAM LODGE Loyal Order of Moose No. 1935



Attending the Saturday, April 25th, Installation of the Chicopee Falls Lodge #1849 were Past Gov. Wilfred H. Bissonnette, wife, Anna and Samuel Smith from Agawam.

The newly installed officers for 1970-71 are: Gov. John Timothy; Pr. Vice-Gov. W. Monroe; Pre-late William Wyman; Treasurer, Henry Branland; Trustee, Ed Bergeron and Past Gov. Fred Gargazr. The Ladies of the Moose did the seating of officers.

There was a SURPRISE donation of a FAITH, HOPE and COURAGE MOOSEHEART STAR by the Chicopee Ritual Tam. Brothers Leo Auffrey, Joseph Chatuir, Henry Branland, James Cansantrio, Pat Lesur, Harm Spencer, William Wyman, Henry Wyzinski, Norman Michan, Leonard Nadeau and William Monroe.

This STAR will be hung in our

Lodge and will be the center of attraction NOT only during our 9 o'clock ceremony but always. The Ritual Team also pledged to institute all members of Agawam any time Agawam Lodge wished it. These are indeed OUR BROTHERS and we wish to thank each and everyone for ALL they have done for us. May the GOOD LORD give them more success, more health and more happiness; for all we can say is "THANK YOU".

Women's Club Banquet May 4

Agawam Women's Club will conclude their 44th season with the annual banquet to be held at Storowton Tavern, Monday, May 4th. Cocktail hour is at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:30. Mrs. Henry Dickinson is chairman.

New officers for the 1970-71 season are: President, Mrs. Ernest A. Bouley; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Edward Toon; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. David A. Pullen; Treasurer, Mrs. William A. Nunn; Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Short; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clifford Catchepaugh; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Charles Mortenson. Directors are Mrs. Benjamin Deliso, Mrs. Francis M. Weblor and Mrs. Stephen Jamrog.

F. Hills Women's Club Banquet May 6

The annual banquet and meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on May 6th at 6:30 at Ye Olde Coach Inn. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Jack August, world traveler and restaurateur of the Famous Jack August Restaurant in Northampton. His topic will be "A Fish Story."

Installation of officers will also be held.

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NEWS from the Services

Donald Gowdy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gowdy Sr., of 390 North St., Feeding Hills, has received the rank of Engineman 2/C in the U. S. Coast Guard. He is presently stationed at Chatham Light Station, Otis AFB, Mass.

SCHWANKE RATED PETTY OFFICER

LONG BEACH, Calif. (FHT-NC — Navy Petty Officer Second Class Leroy F. Schwanke Jr., husband of the former Miss Carol A. Bartolucci of 45 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, was advanced to his present rate during ceremonies aboard the guided missile frigate USS Truxtun, homeported in Long Beach, Calif.

His advancement was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and his score on the Navy-wide test for promotion.

ALFRED ROSSI OFF VIETNAM

OKINAWA (FHTNC) — Marine Lance Corporal Alfred M. Rossi, of 35 Moore St., Agawam, is now aboard a Seventh Fleet ship as part of the Navy-Marine amphibious team off the Vietnam coast.

His unit, Okinawa-based Battalion Landing Team 3/9, includes combat ready infantry, artillery, and support elements.

Part of the Third Marine Division's "Force in Readiness," BLT 3/9 can be rapidly placed ashore by helicopter or landing craft to support Allied forces.

LT. RICHARD VERMEIREN IN UNIT AWARD

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — First Lieutenant Richard M. Vermeiren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Vermeiren of 43 Senator Ave., Agawam, is a member of a unit that has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The 437th Military Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S.C., was cited for meritorious service from July 1968 to July 1969 for its support of military operations. This marks the fourth time in five years the wing has been honored as an outstanding unit.

Lieutenant Vermeiren, a personnel officer in the 437th, will wear the distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The organization is a part of the Military Airlift Command which provides global airlift for U.S. military forces.

The lieutenant, a 1962 graduate of Agawam High School, received his B.S. degree in 1966 from Springfield (Mass.) College. He was commissioned upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

A haughty dowager visited the hospital to see her chauffeur, badly injured in an auto accident. The head nurse hesitated:

"He's a very sick man and should see no one but his family. Are you his wife?"

Highly indignant, the dowager blurted out: "I certainly am not — I'm his mistress."

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